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OUR CHATTY NOOK

We haven't much to gripe about. The grasshoppers and rabbits were in a very mannerly mood last summer. Maybe Santa Claus taught 'em a lesson last year, at any rate they left our glads alone for a change. Wet late planting season again and when planting stock was nicely started we fell heir to "SOMETHING NEW", two of the finest full length cloud bursts one could wish for, just three weeks apart, then during August and part of September there wasn't even a tear drop. So, weather damage to growing stock was plenty. Well, we just took a healthy grin and told ourself, "If it isn't one thing its another, so what?" Still hope we have enough stock left to keep our fine customers in good humor, which in turn will keep us diggin' and happy. While business was a little on the slow side last year, the response of our customers was most gratifying and we DO appreciate that.

Please do not write us asking for prices on anything not in this list as it taxes us to raise enough of our own varieties to supply the demand and 60% of our planting is sdls, on test. Neither do we grow in quantities for wholesale.

We never had any hankering for export, even Canadian orders of which we will accept a very few this year and these we will ship ONLY by Parcel Post.

With weather conditions off balance, bulbs made nice growth as well as being clean and healthy. Not a bulb was brought in from any source this year or last, thus eliminating any chance of bringing any disease into our stock.

Our five 1949 introductions are as good as the best of any we have ever introduced and we have placed 71 of our own introductions on the market during the past twelve years, nearly all of which have been blue ribbon winners as well as many champions. We suggest keeping your eye on future show reports on Glorious, Gorgeous, Wahoo, Choctaw and Cheyenne as these five especially are behind the 8 ball, and bound for a blue ribbon career. Five good bets, all pinch hitters, if you are out to win at your shows, and who isn't?

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1949 RELEASES

GLORIOUS

MRS. RICHARD MCGOVERN X FRANCES M.
IRWIN

(About 85 days)...Sdlg, No. 230-K. Your one best bet for a blue ribbon or better in its color class and section, showing in the 332 or deep salmon class. Floret size runs right up to 4½ inch, wide open, not hooded, cream blotch with small rose feather in throat barely noticable. A standout under artifical light. Substance not so heavy but lasting and stands rough handling without petals cracking. Very strong attachment. The past summer we had several spikes with 29 buds, 30 inch flowerheads, 60 inches overall. All straight stems and only one spike of which the tip six florets turned backwards, all others had excellent facing and spacing. We had our most bloom during a long dry spell and when the temperature was 92 to 94 in the shade for three days running, Glorious stood wide open in the sun with no sign of wilt or discoloration. Always a top performer with us. Bulblet production very good and germination easy and excellent. If you can't win with Glorious then you just can't grow glads. Altogether we have made only seven entries of Glorious at various shows the past three years, winning seven blue ribbons, three sectional champ's, one division champ', one runner up for show champ, as follows. Ohio State (Cleveland) first. Chagrin Falls, first both one and three spike, the 3 spike for a sec., champ. 1946. East Liverpool first both one and three spike, the three spike entry was sec, champ; division champ; and champion three spike of the show, 1947. Ohio State (Solon) first; East Liverpool first, section champ, three spike and runner up for show champion 1948.

To secure 14-15 open one must have a young No. 1, bulb.

On front cover illustration the first few florets are a trifle crowded and show a slight fading of color, but no sign of wilt. We had only two young number one bulbs in 1947, the florets from the other bulb were not so crowded and had 14 open.

Make no mistake, secure a start with Glorious this year. Many reservations and orders already in for both Glorious and Gorgeous, mostly from parties who have seen them in the shows or in our gardens and indications are that our present stock of these two fine glads will be way short, unless possibly in blts. Per each, No. 3, \$6.50; No. 4, \$5.00; No. 5, \$3.50; No. 6, \$2.00; Blts, each .40 or 10 for \$3.50.



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VICTORY QUEEN X FRANCES M. IRWIN

(About 85 days)...Sdlg, No. M-196. The most beautiful glad we have ever introduced and the most beautiful of all glads today of its size wearing very heavy ruffles. This is the opinion of many. Very strong attachment, very heavy substance, high percentage of straight stems, like most glads an occasional off placed floret, good reproducer and good germination of blts. If you like ruffles and a big one with beauty to spare, you should gorge yourself with Gorgeous and you will not be disappointed. Stood the extreme hot sun the past summer without wilt or burn of florets. Light salmon with clean yellow blotch, no markings, no flecking and not hooded. Healthy upright dark green foliage. We have had close to 7 inch florets, 34 inch flowerhead, 9 open, 6 in color, 65 inches overall.

At the East Liverpool show in September, 1948, where sdls, and named varieties were classed together, we made a three spike entry of Gorgeous under number, the only spikes we had in bloom at the time and tail end bloom at that, winning sectional champion, 3 spike champion, champion sdlg, and champion of the show. Not bad.

The name defines the glad, GORGEOUS, the name that is in everyones mind when they see the glad.

We fully expect to see Gorgeous collect a neat show record in the next few years. Per each, No. 2, \$8.00; No. 3, \$6.50; No. 4, \$5.00; No. 5, \$3.50; No. 6, \$2.00; Blts, each .40 or 10 for \$3.50.

While our photographer muffed the ball, the illustration of Gorgeous in this list will give some idea as to general makeup of the spike.

GLAMOROUS

VICTORY QUEEN X BEAUTY CLINIC

(About 85 days)...Sdlg, No. M-132. Fine big clean colored golden orange with clean yellow blotch. Heavy substance, well ruffled, very strong attachment, just over 5 1/2 inch, 9 open, 21 buds, 28 inch flowerhead, 60 inches overall. Straight strong ramrod stem with no support even in good crooking weather. Floret wide open, not hooded, excellent formal type and good reproducer. Has never been shown but will surely win plenty. Weather conditions cut down our stock of this one very heavy, so for this year we will offer only the following. Per each No. 6, \$2.50; Blts, each .50.

GRACIOUS

LAVENDER RUFFLES X LAKE PLACID

(About 70 days)...Sdlg, No. K-102. A very delicate self colored pastel lavender with excellent formal type. Just enough lavender to allow showing in the lavender class. Out of over 70 to bloom for us the past summer, three came almost white. We feel safe in saying that Gracious will be a fine commercial even tho an occasional one turns up nearly white. Strong attachment, strong straight stem, ideal placement, 5 1/2 inch, 8-9 open, 6 in color, 20 buds, 28 inch head, 60 inches overall. Upright dark green foliage. While blooming in 70 days in 1948, we are sure that with more favorable weather it will bloom in 65 days or less. Ohio State (Solon) first in 1947. Tri-State first in 1948.

While a very good propagator our stock is still small but we decided to introduce it this year hoping our sales will be small. Per each No. 6, \$2.50; Blts, each .50.

WAHOO

GRAY PHANTOM X VAGABOND PRINCE

(About 70 days)...Sdlg, No. OK-116. Big smoky orange, some feathering on tips. Large clean vivid R.O. blotch. Plain petals wide open, not hooded. Broad heavy straight dark green foliage. Fine formal type. Very robust grower. Excellent reproducer, blts, of very good and easy germination. 6 inch floret, 26-28 buds, 34 inch flowerhead, 62 inches overall. 12 open, we have had 14 open and think possibly it may do even better. Healthy straight dark green foliage, very good reproducer, blts of easy germination. Fine performance from all spikes so far. Open florets will discolor in extreme hot sun but not wilt. This big smoky is bound to do a lot of winning in its class. Illustrated herein. Shown only three times. Ohio State (Solon) first 1947. Penna, State, (Pittsburgh) first, and East Liverpool, first and second day champion 1948. This is your new smoky to show for top chance to win in its class.

A good stock of Wahoo allows us to introduce at, per each No. 6, \$1.50; Blts, each .40 or 10 for \$3.50.



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1948 Releases

CHOCTAW

TREASURY GOLD X MRS. RICHARD MCGOVERN

(About 85 days)...Beautiful shade of light chocolate with clean R.O. blotch. On the textile color card it is burnt orange and henna, with pimento blotch. The color is very rich and different from any other chocolate and never fails to draw plenty of attention and enthusiastic comments at shows and we have received many fine reports on it from our customers who grew it last year. Is bound to be a red hot contender in the AOC class at future shows when it gets to working from large bulbs. To date we have made only seven entries of Choctaw at shows the past three years, winning seven blue ribbons and two sectional championships, as follows. Ohio State (Solon) first. Chargrin Falls first. East Liverpool first and Sectional champ, 1946. East Liverpool first, 1947. Ohio State (Solon) first. East Liverpool first both one and three spike and sec. champ, 1948.

Imagination does not clarify the real beauty of the unique color and vigorous growth of both spike and foliage of Choctaw. Excellent propagator. Blts, of easiest germination. Formal type, 10 open, 22-24 buds; straight ramrod stem, very strong attachment, 28 inch flowerhead, 60 inches overall. Heavy straight upright dark green crinkly foliage with 12-13 leaves two inches across. Ninety percent of our spikes the past summer equaled the illustration shown in this list. Exhibitors will make no mistake in growing CHOCTAW for their blue ribbon stretcher. Our stock of this variety escaped with very little damage the past summer so we have a fairly good supply and with a very substantial cut in price this year, it is your chance to grab off a good start NOW. Large \$2.50; Medium \$2.00; No. 6, \$1.25; Blts, each .25 or 10 for \$2.00

CHEYENNE

RED LORY X COMMANDER KOEHL

(About 80 days)...Wide open ruffled scarlet, a much improved Southern Drama. Not hooded. Excellent formal type, 9-10 open, 20 buds, 60 inches overall. Healthy upright dark green foliage. Excellent propagator. 5 1/2 inch floret. Has given us wonderful performance every year and we do not hesitate to say it will be a fine commercial as well as a top show scarlet. Planted so late in season during 1946-47, we had no large bulbs from which to grow show spikes but now have a nice quantity for 1949 planting and we fully expect to do some neat winning with Cheyenne. Was very outstanding the past summer from number 3-4 bulbs, 6-7 open on tall straight stems with probably a half dozen spikes with any off placed florets out of over 200.

Believe we have ample stock this year to fill all retail orders. Large each \$3.00; Medium \$2.25; No. 6, \$1.50; Blts, each .30 or 10 for \$2.50.

POCOHONTAS

PURPLE SUPREME X MALAY CHIEF

(About 85 days)...Like Purple Supreme in type, markings and reproduction ability. Color is a beautiful shade of old rose. Not as tall and does not open as many as Purple Supreme. This variety did not give us as good performance as usual the past summer and the planting stock received the worst damage of anything in our planting. On top of this it developed a rogue of which there were three in over 70 to bloom. So for this reason we are offering only blts, this year and only from stock that bloomed and of which we are sure are true. Blts., each .30.

1947 Releases

MEXICALI ROSE

CHARLES DICKENS X JANET

(About 85 days)...Nearest black rose of today. Very brilliant and rich under artificial light. Has given us fine performance every year and the past summer was exceptionally fine. This glad is well liked by all who like dark colors. 5½ inch, 9 open, 22 buds, 26 inch head, 55 inches overall. Excellent substance, very strong attachment, nicely ruffled, wide open blue ribbon winner and good commercial in its color, fairly good propagator. Per each, Medium \$2.00; No. 6, \$1.50; Blts, each .30 or 10 for \$2.50.

SOUTH SEAS

GRAY PHANTOM X VAGABOND PRINCE

(About 85 days)...Big husky growing blue slate gray with deep orange and yellow blotch. Very out of the ordinary color smoky. A hit with all who have seen or grown it. Probably many have seen the fine color slide among the Herbert O. Evans collection that has been shown well throughout North America. 6 inch floret, 8 open, 20 buds, 28 inch head, 65 inches overall. Really a top smoky for the smoky fancier. Ohio State (Cleveland) first in 1946. East Liverpool second to our own first 3 spike Flying Fortress in 1947. First one spike, first 3 spike, first R.I. all at Penna. State show (Pittsburgh). West Virginia first. Ohio State (Solon) first, 1948. Very good propagator. Large \$3.50; Medium \$2.50; No. 6, \$1.50; Blts, each .35 or 10 for \$3.00.

HULA HULA

GRAY PHANTOM X VAGABOND PRINCE

(About 85 days)...A difficult smoky to describe. Orange gray with violet and orange blotch as near as we can get it. Good formal type. 5½ inch, 12 or more open, 23 buds, 27 inch head, 56 inches overall. First both one and three spike at Tri-State in 1946. Unable to catch shows with it since. Very good performer and should do a lot of winning. Some may not like the color, we do.

Just a fair propagator so our stock is not large at this time and we shall offer only blts, this year at .40 each.

1946 Releases

CHARMOLUCK

PEGGY LOU X MOTHER MACHREE

(About 85 days)...Very clean ruffled orange buff with creamy yellow throat and picotee border of violet. A very charming glad that rates tops with us and is going strong as a commercial with quite a few growers. Blue ribbon winner that should do a lot more winning. 5 inch, 9 open, 19 buds, 27 inch head, 60 inches overall. Your answer to beauty, quality and performance. Medium \$1.25; No. 6, \$1.00; Blts, each .15 or 10 for \$1.00.

CHUNGKING

PEGGY LOU X CHRISTABEL

(About 75 days)...Large orange and cream with yellow lip and crimson feather. Have had only one unfavorable report on this one, all others very good. Always an extra fine performer with us. We used it a lot in our hybridizing the past summer. 7 inch floret, 8 open, 7 in color, 21 buds, 30 inch head, 65 inches overall. Customers report 6 inch floret from number 5-6 bulbs. Good formal type, strong attachment, strong straight stem, very good propagator. Some growers report good demand from their florists. Medium each \$1.25; Blts, each .15 or 10 for \$1.00.

GLENOLDEN

PEGGY LOU X CHRISTABEL

(About 85 days)...Big clear chamois with yellow over buff throat. Formal type blue ribbon winner. Over 95% of florets make only one lip. A very pleasing color and a good type glad showing in the mammoth class. Medium \$1.00; Small .75; Blts, two for .25.

We were compelled to cut down, owing to lateness, planting of the following so have very little to offer this season.

NATALIE ANNE-1946. Large rose self except for small orange blotch. Good commercial with good show possibilities. Medium .75; Small .50; Blts, 3 for .30.

VICTORY QUEEN-1945. Most everyone has seen this glad by now as it is quite extensively grown both for cut flowers and show. Has won many blues as well as color champion at several shows. Three years ago out of a good number in bloom we selected five top show spikes, these were really wonders in every way and from the blts, of these we have built up a fair stock from which we are now able to offer a small amount at a price a little above what others are asking for field run stock. Per each, Medium .60; Small .40; Blts, .15.

OKLAHOMA-1945. Queen of the smokies. Not necessary to describe this one I hope, as many are listing it now. Our present stock is from careful selection. Medium .75; Small .50; Blts, 2 for .25.

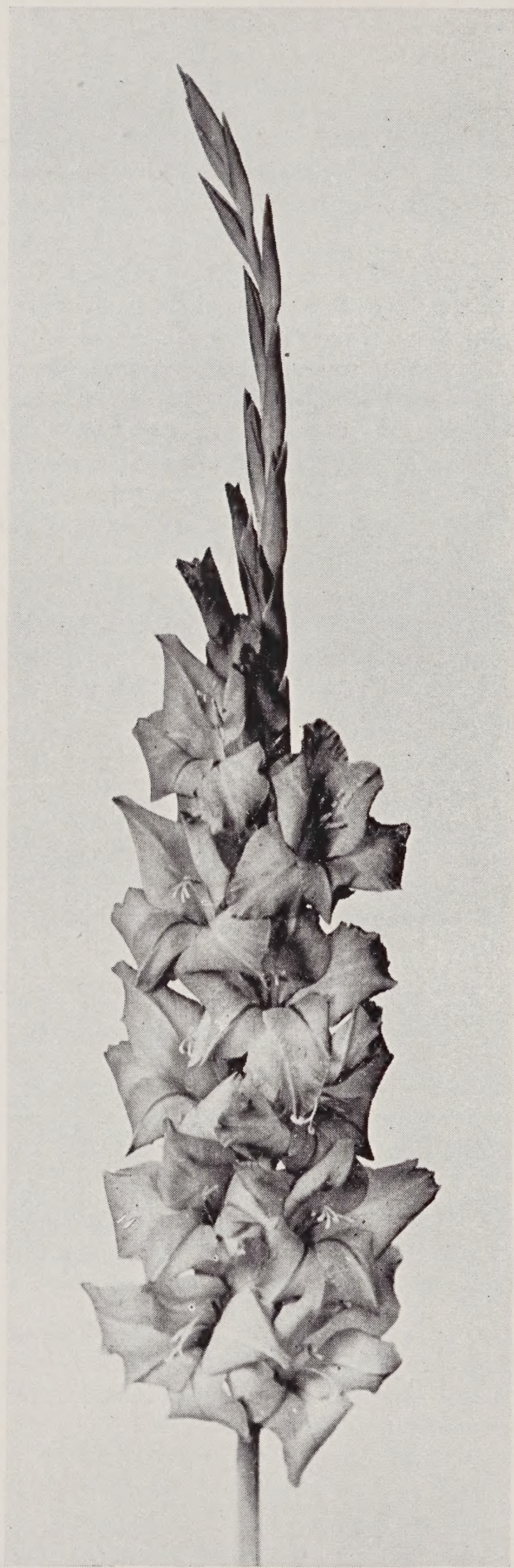
FLYING FORTRESS-1943. King of the big smokies. Too well known to bother describing here. Many blue ribbons, most open in show etc. Medium each .35; Small .25; Blts, 8 for .25.

TONY-1945. Big clean chocolate, up to 7 inch floret. Blue ribbon winner. A very rich clean colored glad. Medium .75; Small .50; Blts, 3 for .30.

LARIME-1943. Large formal deep orange with blotch. Orange tops with many growers. Winner of plenty of blue ribbons. Blts, only this year at 5 for .25.

TUNISIA-1943. Large formal red opening 12-14 florets. Very fine and good winner. We believe it still can beat most of the present day reds. Blts, only, 6 for .25.

Our stock of Snow Mountain, Lake Placid, Gracie Allen, Jack Pot, Drum Major, and Daniel Boone is too small to quote on this year and our other 50 introductions we no longer grow, but are listed by others.



CHOCTAW